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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE:

October 27, 2008

TO:

County Health Department AIDS Drug Assistance Program Coordinators

County Health Department HIV/AIDS Program Coordinators County Health Department HIV/AIDS Contract Managers

FROM:

Thomas Liberti, Chief

Bureau of HIV/AIDS

SUBJECT:

Amended Rule 64D-4, Increase in Income Limit and Elimination of Cash Assets

ACTION

REQUIRED: Implement New Criteria

DUE DATE: Immediately

The Department of Health, Bureau of HIV/AIDS amended Rule 64D-4 Eligibility Requirements for HIV/AIDS Patient Care Programs, effective October 27, 2008, to increase the income limits and eliminate the cash asset qualifications for service recipients. This amendment impacts all care and treatment programs under the Bureau of HIV/AIDS including the AIDS Drug Assistance Program, State Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS, AIDS Insurance Continuation Program, Part B consortia and HIV/AIDS patient care programs provided by the patient care networks and county health departments.

The amendment increases the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) from 300% to 400% and eliminates the cash asset requirement. Attached are the new federal poverty charts which reflect 400% FPL. The charts can also be found on the bureau's web page at

http://www.doh.state.fl.us/disease_ctrl/aids/care/EligibilityAdRule.html. In addition, a summary of operational procedures is attached as a guide to the eligibility process. Staff must use of the current eligibility application although applicants can skip the asset section. The bureau will provide new applications as soon as possible.

HIV/AIDS continues to be in the forefront of public health issues in Florida. This change will allow additional HIV positive individuals to access needed HIV/AIDS patient care services. If you have any questions related to this matter, please contact your HIV/AIDS Community Program Coordinator at (850) 245-4335.

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